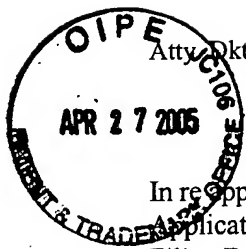


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In re Application of: Chi-Ming Tsai et al.

Application No.: 10/025,414

Art Unit.: 2123

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For: "Method For Providing Flexible And Dynamic Reporting Capability Using Simulation Tools"

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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL


1. Transmitted herewith is an amendment for this application.
2. **STATUS:** Applicant is other than a small entity.
3. **EXTENSION OF TERM:** The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply. Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.
4. **FEE FOR CLAIMS:** The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

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	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest No. Previously Paid For		Present Extra		Rate	Addit. Fee
Total	20	Minus	20	= 0			x \$50 =	\$0
Indep.	4	Minus	4	= 0			x \$200 =	\$0
First Presentation of Multiple Dependent Claim							+ \$360 =	\$0
Total							Addit. Fee	\$0

No additional fee for claims is required.

5. **FEE DEFICIENCY:** If any additional extension and/or fee is required, please charge Deposit Account No. 50-0574.

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Assignee: Synopsys, Inc.

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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO THE FIRST OFFICE ACTION

Initial Comments

Claims 1-20 are pending in the present application. Claims 1-6 and 17-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement. Claims 7-16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as not enabling for reporting results of simulating a layout. Claims 4, 5, 7, 14, 15, and 20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter of the invention. Claims 1-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent 6,757,645 (Chang) in view of U.S. Patent 6,263,301 (Cox).

Claims 1, 4, 5, 7-11, 13-15, 17, and 20 are amended herein.